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## Arrivals.

August 8, Formosa, Span. str., 363, Monlez, Amoy 5th August, General—VOCET, HAGENBORN & Co.  
August 8, YORTUSA, British str., 323, Cullen, Swatow 7th August, General—Kwok ACHOBSON.  
August 8, DUNNING LOWE, Dan. str., 268, Bondi, Whampoa 8th August 7th, General—ED. SORRELS & Co.  
August 8, LOTUS, Govt. str., 400, Hillebrand, Newchwang 10th July, 9,200 piculs Boats—BOUJAR & CO.  
August 8, RARE, Siam bk., 420, D. Hunt, Bangkok 25th July, General—CHINESE.  
August 8, PARROTS, Siam, Siam bk., 434, W. Manchau, Bangkok 25th July, General—CHINESE.  
August 8, HALLOWAY, Brit. str., 277, Abbott, Tamsui 2nd August, Foochow 4th, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 7th, General—D. LATHAM & Co.  
August 8, CHINLING, Brit. str., 798, Jus. HOGG, Canada, August 9th, General—SIEMSEN & Co.  
August 9, MERZALEH, Fr. str., 1,008, Paquier, Shanghai 5th August, N.I.M.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
August 9, RAJAH, Brit. str., 335, W. Menzell, Singapore 1st August, General—CHINESE.  
August 9, HOOCHEN, Ch. coh., 849, Petersen, Shanghai 5th August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.  
August 9, PALMA, Ger. bk., 200, Bing, Whampoa 8th August, General—BOUJAR & Co.  
August 9, KATINA, Siam bk., 250, P. F. KUOED, Bangkok July 26th, General—CHINESE.

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For Zing, str., from Singapore—  
15 Chinese.  
For Haidong, str., from Tamsui, &c.—  
Mr. Lohliy, and 2 Chinese.  
For Keikin, from Bangkok—  
12 Chinese.  
For Chang, from Whampoa—  
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14 Chinese.  
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North American Liverpool...April 20.  
Sir Harry Parkes' London...May 10.  
W. W. Platnick...Cardif...May 12.  
Faison...London...May 12.  
Frederick Tudor...Boston...May 12.  
Fugitive...London...May 12.  
Liberator...London...June 10.  
G. J. ...Glasgow...June 10.  
King George Castle London...June 10.  
U. A. ...Cuthbert...June 10.  
G. C. ...London...June 10.  
Marina...Pembroke...June 10.  
Stefano...Pembroke...June 10.  
Lord Macaulay Liverpool...June 10.  
Beaufort...London...June 10.

Auction Sales To-day.

Now—

## Banks.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1863. CAPITAL, £500,000.  
HEAD OFFICE, BRISBANE, DIRECTORS: Hon. F. H. RAFT, M.L.C., Chairman; Hon. A. B. BUCHANAN, M.L.C.; Hon. THOS. M'LWRATH, M.L.A.  
AUDITORS: FREDERICK ORME DARVAL, Esq.; W. F. DIGBY, Esq.  
GENERAL MANAGER: G. D. DRYR, Esq.  
BRANCHES: BEENleigh, CHARLES TOWERS, COOTON TOWN, GYMPIE, MARYBOROUGH, MILLICENTHORPE, RUMHAMPTON.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, AGENTS IN LONDON: THE NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, ASIA, AGENTS IN SOUTH WALES: THE CITY BANK, THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY, AGENTS VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, ASIA, AGENTS IN NEW ZEALAND: THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.  
AGENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO: THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA, AGENTS IN INDIA AND THE EAST: THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, 611193, [July 21, 1874].  
THE ANGLO-CALIFORNIA BANK, (LIMITED), 412, CALIF. ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, London Office, 3, Angel Court, New York Agents, J. & W. SHILLMAN & Co., 21, St. James Street.  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK, £50,000,000.

## To be Let.

TO LET.  
With Possession on the 1st March, THE BUSINESS PREMISES and Dwelling HOUSE on Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of Messrs. LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Apply to ROBERT SWAILER & Co., 44, Hongkong, 6th January, 1874.  
TO LET.  
(Furnished if required.) A THREE-STORY Comfortable HOUSE in a respectable locality, Hollywood Road, having Nine Rooms and a fine view of the whole Harbour. Rent moderate. Address "A," care of this paper.  
TO LET.  
With Possession on 1st May, THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, Agents in London, Apply to H. E. ALVES, Secretary, 1120 Hongkong, 1st June, 1874.  
TO LET.  
With immediate possession, THE HOUSE No. 7, Aberdeen Street, Water and Gas laid on. Apply to JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, 301203 Hongkong, 1st August, 1874.  
TO LET.  
With Possession on the 1st September, THE Pleasant PREMISES known as "THE HUT," at present in the occupation of J. M. ARMSTRONG, Esq., 1120 Hongkong, 1st September, 1874.  
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1873:  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a list of their Contributions for the Year ending 31st December last, in order that the Distribution of Twenty-five per cent. (25%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations subsequently admitted.

## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, (ESTABLISHED 1863).  
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.  
THE Company's Office has this day been REMOVED to No. 39, Queen's Road, the Premises formerly occupied by Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., over THE BOEING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, 11210 Hongkong, 1st August, 1874.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL—Shanghai Taels 600,000, or Taels 600 per Share.  
Payment of FIRST CALL of Taels 600 per Share to be made on Allotment.  
PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE: E. H. LAYERS, Esq., Messrs. Gilman & Co.  
A. G. WOOD, Esq., Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
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O. L. GRANT, Esq., Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.  
BANKS:  
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, SECRETARY: HERBERT S. MORRIS, Esq.  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
AN Extraordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's New Office, 33, Queen's Road, Victoria, on Friday, the 25th August, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of authorizing certain Alterations to Clause 1, paragraph 104 of the Article of Association.  
By order: JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, 11210 Hongkong, 1st August, 1874.  
TWO STEAMSHIP.—"CHIN-KIANG," J. Hogg, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 10th instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to STEPHENSON & Co., 1249, Hongkong, 10th August, 1874.

FOR SINGAPORE, SIAM, AND SAIGON, THE Steamer  
"ASIA," Captain Molan, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON, Kweichow Hong Shop, 57, Praya, 2d 1249, Hongkong, 10th August, 1874.  
FOR SALE.  
FRESH CALIFORNIA OATS, Agents, 1230, Hongkong, 10th August, 1874.  
NOTICE.  
ALL Claims against the British Ship "Tsing-tsing" must be sent in to the Under-signer or sign on before MONDAY NOON, or they will not be recognized.

VOGEL HAGEDORN & Co., Agents, 1247, Hongkong, 7th August, 1874.  
WANTED.  
BURGESSON for the S.S. Neva. Apply at the Office of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, G. D. MOBY, Acting Agent, 44, 1246, Hongkong, 8th August, 1874.  
COATS Landed and Stored by the Under-signer in the Spanish Coal Sheds, Wan-chi, lately in the occupation of Messrs. H. S. WALSH & Co., J. J. de REMEDIOS & Co., 1m 1238, Hongkong, 8th August, 1874.  
NOTIFICATION.  
RENTERS of LAND upon the British Settlement of Shamian, Canton, are Herby Notified that the Lots upon their respective Lots fall due upon the 4th of September, 1874, and that Lots upon which Rent is not paid or previous to that date are liable to be re-entered upon in the Name of the Queen.

BY order of the Court of Directors: JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager, 1229, Hongkong, 4th August, 1874.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.  
THE ORDINARY Half-yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, at 3 p.m. on MONDAY, the 24th August, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, and terminating on the 31st Day of December, 1873.  
The present Court of Directors is elected to act as a Provisional Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of drawing up a Prospectus, receiving applications for Shares reserved for Contributors, and making arrangements for, and allotting the Shares.

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James Greig, Chief Manager  
Office of the Corporation  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1874.

NOTICE.  
Neither the Captain, Owners, nor Agents of the Peruvian Ship "Navy" will be responsible for any debt contracted by the Officers and Crew of the said vessel.  
At 102, Queen's Road, Esq.,  
E. E. Reilley, Esq.,  
S. D. Sessions, Esq.,  
A. F. Head, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong-Jamaica, Esq.,  
Shanghai—Even Cameron, Esq.,  
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

## To

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY  
FOR 1874.

NOW READY.

THIS week, now in the TWELFTH year of its existence, is ready for delivery.

It has been compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains have been spared to make the work complete in all respects.

In addition to the usual varied and voluminous information, the value of the CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR 1874 has been further augmented by

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THE FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS OF SHANGHAI.

A Chromo-lithograph Plate of the NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE

AT THE PRAK.

also of

THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAG

(Designed especially for this Work).

MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN,

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TILE COAST OF CHINA.

also of

THE NEW CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

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KELLY &amp; Co., ... Kelly

Lewes and ... Co., Shanghai,

Clawf and ... HALL &amp; HOLZER and KELLY

Newchapel, ... HALL &amp; HOLZER, Shanghai,

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HONGKONG, AUGUST 10TH, 1874.

There can be no question that upon purely abstract considerations the waterworks scheme is to be highly commended. The first rule of administration in a Colony like Hongkong is that a certain amount of money must be annually expended by the Government for the supply and power forces have to fire off every year. Hongkong would get out of practice if it did not spend a good round sum of money from year to year, and as there is nothing very pressing at present to expend it upon, some scheme must of course be devised. Nobody could tell what terrible results an incautious inauguration of a policy of economy might produce. The sudden change would be like reversing the engines of a steamer when at full speed, and might have the effect of putting the machinery of government greatly out of gear, if not of breaking it up altogether. Thus in spending an enormous sum of money for an ungrateful public which somehow will not see the necessity for doing so, the point that is overlooked by those who take this hasty view of the subject is that the expenditure of the money is the great consideration, and the object upon which it is spent, altogether of minor importance. It does not much matter whether it is for one thing or another, so long as the jar, which would be caused by the inauguration of an economical policy, be avoided. Has not Lord MACAULAY conclusively shown that the national debt has been of the greatest advantage to Great Britain? how then can we imagine that the same results would not accrue to Hongkong by having a local national debt? This consideration alone should be sufficient to do away with the senseless opposition which has been manifested by those who are always prepared to raise objections to the best considered and most expensive schemes, and who cannot appreciate the thoughtfulness and care of the Government in carrying on the administration of the Colony in the way in which it has been so long conducted, and not departing hastily from the money-spending traditions which have produced such magnificent results as the goal at St. Helena's Island, the Praia at Kowloon, Mountain Lodge, and many other works of which Hongkong is justly proud. To object, therefore, to the mere expenditure of three or four hundred thousand pounds in the face of these much more weighty considerations is clearly an absurdity. There can be no ground of opposition on this score, when the nature and necessities of Hongkong are fully taken into consideration. A good round sum of money ought, beyond any question, to be annually spent. On the minor point as to what such money should be devoted to there may, however, perhaps be some room for difference of opinion; and, for our own part, while fully admitting the above principles, we should perhaps be a little dis-

posed to differ with the choice which the Government has made. It has been clearly proved that we do not want water, and, although for the reasons already mentioned this can form no ground for refusing from expending the customary amount of money in the Colony, we are inclined to think that it would be better if, instead of waterworks, it were spent upon fireworks. The latter would be just as useful, and we should get much more fun for our money.

The stock of tea in London, on the 5th instant, was £5,000,000 lbs.

A telegram from London, dated 4th instant, quotes the Bank rate of discount 4 per cent.

The prospects of the coming harvest throughout Bengal and Behar are most favourable.

We are informed by wire, that deliveries of tea during the last month, in London, have been 14,000,000 lbs.

Mr. John Garside, first clerk in the Registrar-General's office, a solicitor Marriage Registrar, is resigning.

The bank of Bengal has declared a dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 12 per cent, and the Bank of Madras 8 per cent.

The N.C. Daily News of the 4th instant states that Mr. Avery, the new United States Minister, was expected by the next American mail.

We hear that a telegram has been received, stating that the P. & O. Steamship Mirrora, bringing on the new English mail, was to leave Singapore on Saturday morning.

By wire we are informed that the attack of Malacca again took place on the 5th instant and 1,500 rebels were killed, and 1,500 were allotted to Calcutta, £44,000 to Bombay, and £1,000 to Madras.

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The Special Ordinance, granting a pension to Mr. John Simpson, actor in the Geneva Post-office, on his retirement, is announced in Saturday's Gazette as approved by the Home Government.

The Times of India says—On the evening of the 2nd inst. (July), a comet was dimly visible in Calcutta, Malacca, and Kurrachee, between the hours of 8 and 9. It appeared in the N.W. a little above the horizon.

We publish further on an interesting account which has been forwarded by a correspondent of the founder of the steamer Lepak, the sad loss of life during the typhoon. The latter contains a number of details which has not yet been published.

A serious accident happened at the Sashan House on Saturday morning, between 1 and 2 o'clock. A seaman, not being able to sleep, went into the veranda, and when there, he became restless, and, after a few moments, had a dream of 30 feet receiving serious injury. He was picked up by boat, assisted by his wife, and sent to the hospital by the police.

The British steamship Douglas, which left for the coast yesterday morning, had to turn back in the afternoon, in consequence of meeting with heavy weather.

Complainant said he missed the steamer on Wednesday last, when he went to dress.

The defendant, who was shipped in Australia, was discharged here, and this morning, when he was about to go to the things were given him to wash and clean, he found a man called his wife, who was a sailor, had taken his clothes, and had them washed in his washstand. It was one of a pair in use.

Defendant said he bought the sailor's clothes, when he was in an American ship.

He paid one shilling for it and had never used it.

On examination the sailor was found to be shipped all round the edges the same as the one produced by the Captain, alowing us to know they were a pair.

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## Extracts.

## THE RIDE OF CULLING GRAYES.

AN INCIDENT OF THE FLOOD IN MASSACHUSETTS, ON  
MAY 16TH, 1874.

No song of a soldier riding down  
To the rising flood from Middlebury-Town;  
No song of a "tum-tum" on the earth,  
With the notice of a church,  
But the song of a twin pair, free from care,  
As Shadrach's self, or Paul Revere;

Who liked what they risked—free from strife  
And its promise of glory—say his life.

The peaceful valley has waked and stirred,  
And the answering echoes of life are heard;

The dew will cling to the trees and grass,  
And the earlier tollers smiling rise,  
As they glance aside at the white-walled houses,  
Or up the valley where merely come.

The brook that sparkles in diamond glaze,  
As the sun comes over the Hampshire hills.

What was it, the passed like an ominous breath,  
Like a shiver of fear or touch of death?

What was it? The valley is peaceful still,  
And the paths are afre on top of the hill;

It was not a sound, nor a thing of sense—  
But a pun, like a pang of the after-sense

That wraps the being of those who see  
At their feet the gulf of eternity!

The air of the valley has felt the chill;  
The workers pause at the door of the mill.

The housewife, seen to the whirling air,  
Arents her tool on the setting stair,

Instructively taught by the mother-love,

And think of the sleeping ones above!

Why start the listeners? Why does the coarse  
Of the mill-stream wade? Why is a horse

"Hark to the sounds of the horse," they say?  
That gallops wildly Williamsburg way?

God! What was that, like a human shriek,  
From the winding way? Will nobody speak?

Will nobody answer these women who cry  
At the awful wranglings thunder by?

Whence come they? Listen! And, now they hear  
The sound of the galloping horse-hoof near;

They watch the trend of the mill, and see

The filly, who thunders so merrily,

With waving arms, and waving mane,

To the boundless bank of the valley stream.

He draws no rein, but he shakes the street,  
With a shout and the ring of the galloping feet;

And this is the cry that the horse—

"To the right for your lives! The flood is  
—BEHOLD!"

It comes! and is gone; but they know the world—  
The treacherous Williamsburg dam has burst!

The basin that nourished their happy homes  
Is changed to a den—! It comes! it comes!

A monster in aspect, with shaggy frost

Of shattered dwellings to take the last

Of the dwellings they shelter—white-man and house,

The merciless tides fill the course

Of the narrow valley, and rushing waves,

With death on the first of its hissing waves.

Till cottage and street and wooded mill

Are overwhelmed and crushed behind

By the roar of the rushing flood;

And onward still, in front of the roaring flood is heard—

The gulping and the wailing word.

Thank God! that the brave man's life is spared!

From Williamsburg town he nobly dared

To ride with the food and take the road

In front of the terrible wave it moved;

For miles it thundered and crushed behind;

But he looked back with a stolid mind;

"THEY MUST BE WARNED!" was all he said;

As away on his terrible ride he sped.

When heroes are called for, bring the crowd

To this Yankees' side, and lead him down

On the stream of time with the cardinal;

His deed as the Roman's was brave and bold;

And the tale can as nebb a thrill wake,

For he offered his life for the people's sake.

John Boyle O'Reilly, in the "Boston Pilot."

## SCOTTISH FAITH.

Without entering into questionable com-

parisons with other nations, it may be said

with safety, that at all great crises in their

modern history the Scottish people have ex-

hibited unconquerable trust in an irresistible

Power and an inviolable Order above the

things that are seen and temporal. The

light of that Divine truth throws a pleasant

gleam over the many dark aspects of the

Scottish struggle in the seventeenth century.

It is not easy to realize the calamity which

would have fallen upon Europe if the nation

which had suffered for their religious con-

vinctions had given way; and it is, therefore,

difficult to restrain indignation, impossible

to overcome regret, that the courage of the

Scottish people in their great struggle should

not only have been so cruelly misinterpreted

at the time, but continued to be misinter-

preted even by those who are enjoying the

fruits of their sufferings. But a closer view

of the period shows, that the faith of the

Scots was manifested not only in a trust-

ful struggle against oppression, but in an

unreasing fanaticism which did more per-

haps than the political folly and the religious

indifference of the enemy to postpone the

achievement of toleration. It becomes, con-

sequently, not altogether unintelligible, that

cavaliers of culture, and even of gentle

nature, should have viewed their Scotch op-

ponents as a pack of intractable rebels;

and that some historical students, even at this

distant day, should scarcely be able to see

beyond the rank-and-bickering of the Covenant-

ers into the nobler elements of their charac-

ter—*Ballads and Songs of Scotland*.

## "ODDITIES" IN THE HOUSE.

It is pleasant when Sir Wilfrid Lawson

rises to discourse on the evils of the liquor

trade or the iniquity of war. "The hon.

and amusing baronet," as Mr. Knatchbull-Hugger-

son, himself never guilty of being amusing,

even called him, has done what few men

have accomplished. He has thrown as air

of gaudy over-tomatism, and has made

"man with a mission" a welcome inter-

loper in debate in the House of Commons.

As a rule Parliament votes men with

visions impracticable, and will not listen

to them. But it is always ready to hear Sir

Wilfrid Lawson, and is rarely disappointed

in its expectation of being interested, and

amused. The hon. baronet's style of speak-

ing is well suited to his humour, and greatly

adds to its effect. He does not, like Mr.

Mundella, "make a speech" to the House.

He just has a chat with it, and being a man

of sense and humour, he is thoroughly en-

joyable companion. Mr. Jenkins is a recent

arrival to the ranks of independent mem-  
bership, and he has lost no time in letting the

House know that he is there. Like Mr.

Trevelyan, the member for Dundee, he took

his seat in Parliament when the reputation

of having written a successful book—a very

daring anti-slavery treatise—for a young mem-  
ber, indeed, is the reputation of having made

no noise in the outside world, in whatever

respect the trial may have been vain.

Mr. Jenkins obliquely entered the House

of Commons prepared to take it by storm, and

the annals of Parliament do not record a

more absolute or hopeless failure than the

attempt made in the speech in which he

formally presented himself as the coming

Great Power. "I confess," writes Lord

Chesterfield, "I cannot help forming some

opinion of a man's sense and character from

his dress, and I believe most people do, as

well as myself. Any affectation whatever

in dress implies in my mind a flaw in the

understanding."

A man who presents himself

to the House of Commons at 10 o'clock

at night, armed in a flaming red medie-

val, white waistcoat, and light trousers with a

stripe down the side, cannot fairly hope to be

let off with the gentle censure implied in the

use of the term "affectation." Odd fashions

in dress abound in the House. Mr. Foster

dresses like a strict gardener for Sun-

day walk; Mr. Henley's face peers through a

pair of gigantic shirt-collars that would move

to envy the ultimate man, in a crescent of negro minstrels. Mr. Read's white hat wears well through the session. Colonel Taylor's clothes were obviously made for somebody else, and Sir Colman O'Leary delights in the possession of a perennial pair of trousers which, though unshod, goes as far as the mainland of Africa. These are eccentricities which excite a smile. But the big red necktie and the white waistcoat are odd entries de maniere, and there are too much reason to fear that they are the results, not of a flaw in the understanding, but of constitutional vulgarity of mind. At any rate this theory receives support from Mr. Jenkins' manner in delivering his speech last month on the occupation of the Gold Coast. His atrocious taste in dress might have been condemned by modesty of mind, but the hon. member's manner was as loud and as aggressive as his attire. The way of resting his right hand in his trouser pocket, and his occasional emergence from his half-contemptuous, half-thrusting gesture for persons who had the misfortune to differ from him, his oily contempt for the present Government, his patronising way of referring to members of the late Ministry, his intention of "advising the right hon. Gentleman," his repetition of the tragical dissertation, "I am here to warn this audience;" his pointed "It comes to me;" his over-ready "my opinion is;" and, in one of his boldest efforts, his sudden and complete withdrawal from the House for a quarter of an hour. But after that signs of disgust began to manifest themselves, and Mr. Jenkins, growing increasingly insatiable, finally lay down amid a storm of contumely altogether unprecedented in the case of a new member making his maiden speech. The "Gentlemen of May-

zon" for June.

MILTON IN ALDERSGATE-STREET.

Aldersgate-street, dear to business men

for its Post-office, is hallowed to authors by

having once, as we have already said, been

the residence of Milton. Here the poet

came, with bag and baggage, in 1643, the year after Edgerton removed from St. Bride's

churchyard, the site of the present *Punch* office, where he had kept a small school.

This residence is especially interesting to

those who honour our great poet, as it was

here he became reconciled to Mary Powell,

his first wife, daughter of an Oxfordshire

cavalier. As a first stop to their reunion,

Milton placed his wife in the house of one

Widow Weber, in St. Clement's Churchyard.